पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री (श्री एम०एस० गुरुपादस्वामी) : (क) इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन, भारत पेट्रोलियम कारपोरेशन और हिन्दुस्तान पेट्रोलियम कारपोरेशन द्वारा दिसम्बर, 1989 से फ़रवरी, 1990 तक की अवधि के दौरान होटल के किरायों और टैक्सी भाड़े सहित अधिकारियों के दौरों पर खर्च की गई कम्पनीवार कुल राशि इस प्रकार है :-

(लाख रुपये)

1. इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन	301.80
2. भारत पेट्रोलियम कार.	131.48
3. हिन्दुस्तान पेट्रोलियम कार.	71.03

(ख) भारत सरकार ने पिछले तीन महीनों के दौरान तेल कम्पनियों के अधिकारियों के देश में या विदेशों के दौरों पर कोई खर्च नहीं किया है। इस संबंध में तेल कंपनियों द्वारा खर्च राशि के संबंध में सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

World Bank assistance for power projects

653. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) how many power projects scheduled for commissioning during the Eighth Plan period may not be undertaken due to the reluctance of the World Bank to finance them;

(b) what is the capacity of each such power project; and

(c) what alternative steps are being taken to overcome such a situation ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The World Bank has not expressed reluctance to finance ower projects in India.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

Supply of gas through pipelines in Metropolitan cities

654. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convert the metropolitan cities of Delhi and Bombay into "gas cities" by providing piped gas for heating, cooking and lighting ; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) GAIL have submitted a proposal for supply of natural gas to domestic industrial and commercial users in the city of Bombay. This would require 1.5 MMCMD of gas and would eventually cover 6,26,000 domestic consumers, 4,500 commercial consumers and 146 industrial consumers. The proposal is presently under the consideration of Government.

GAIL are studying the feasibility of a similar project for Delhi.

Delay/cancellation of Indian Airlines flights

655. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI:
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of India Airlines flights which maintained the time schedule during the last three months alongwith the flight number and destination;

(b) what are the details of Indian Airlines flights which reached their destinations late with the extent of delay in each case during the above period;

(c) what are the details of Indian Airlines flights which were cancelled during the last three months, sector-wise;

(d) the reasons for delayed and cancelled flights; and

(e) what steps are being taken to improve the services ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (d) Flights delayed by more than 90 mts. are categoriesed by Indian Airlines as delayed flights. During the period Nov., Dec., 1989 and Jan. 1990 out of a total of 21,709 flights, 8436 flights were delayed by over 30 minutes and 1,244 flights were cancelled due to the following reasons;

Reasons	No. of flights delayed	No. of flights cancelled
(i) Attributable to Indian Airlines .	731	88
(ii) Bad weather conditions, inadequate airport facilities and miscellaneous . . .	1130	497
(ni) Consequential .	6575	659
TOTAL : .	8436	1244

(e) On the advice of the Govt., the following measures have been taken by Indian Airlines with a view to improving services:—

— Provision of correct information to passengers through the media and other means.

— Increase in the number of telephones and auto-answering machines.

— Installation of HF-SSB sets at more stations to communicate flights information between stations promptly.

— Dissemination of information through tele-text at Delhi.

— Provision of more Customer Service Units.

— Provision of meals and stay at hotels in case of delays of longer duration.

— Designating officers for supervision at different locations and providing assistance in the matter of refunds, taxi vouchers, hotel accommodation, retrieval of baggage, etc.

— Provision of extra cushion between the flight.

— More time for maintenance of aircraft.

— Review of action taken for rectifications of snags at regions as well as at headquarters.

Setting up of National Institute of Medical systems

656. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a national institute for all medical systems, i.e. Ayurvedic, Allopathy, Homoeopathy, Naturopathy and Unani in any of the metropolitan cities of the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and by when such an institute is likely to be set up ?